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The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes, principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 822 (1993) of 30 April 1993, 853 (1993) of 29 July 1993, 874 (1993) of 14 October 1993 and 884 (1993) of 12 November 1993, as well as its resolutions 48/114 of 20 December 1993, entitled "Emergency international assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Azerbaijan", and 60/285 of 7 September 2006, entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan",

Recalling also the report of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe fact-finding mission to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh and the letter of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group Co-Chairmen to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Permanent Council on the Minsk Group fact-finding mission to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh,[1]

Taking note of the report of the environmental assessment mission led by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to the fire-affected territories in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region,[2]

Reaffirming the commitments of the parties to the conflict to abide scrupulously by the rules of international humanitarian law,

Seriously concerned that the armed conflict in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan continues to endanger international peace and security, and mindful of its adverse implications for the humanitarian situation and development of the countries of the South Caucasus,

[1] See A/59/747-S/2005/187.
[2] See A/61/696.

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1. *Reaffirms* continued respect and support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan within its internationally recognized borders;

2. *Demands* the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all Armenian forces from all the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

3. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the population expelled from the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan to return to their homes, and stresses the necessity of creating appropriate conditions for this return, including the comprehensive rehabilitation of the conflict-affected territories;

4. *Recognizes* the necessity of providing normal, secure and equal conditions of life for Armenian and Azerbaijani communities in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which will allow an effective democratic system of self-governance to be built up in this region within the Republic of Azerbaijan;

5. *Reaffirms* that no State shall recognize as lawful the situation resulting from the occupation of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, nor render aid or assistance in maintaining this situation;

6. *Expresses* its support to the international mediation efforts, in particular those of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group Co-Chairmen, aimed at peaceful settlement of the conflict in accordance with the norms and principles of international law, and recognizes the necessity to intensify these efforts with a view to achieve a lasting and durable peace in compliance with the provisions stipulated above;

7. *Calls upon* the Member States and international and regional organizations and arrangements to effectively contribute, within their competence, to the process of settlement of the conflict;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan".